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Bible in Schools. New York State is not the only one where the question of Bible reading in the public schools is giving rise to controversy.

Superintendent Schneider might well have stopped here. But he adds that he favors the study in the public schools of the Bible as literature, as also the Koran and the ancient books of the East wherein are founded the doctrines of Buddha, Zoroaster and Confucius.

While the labor paper does not specify, it means that the Catholic and Lutheran schools are the only ones where religious instruction is given and we are taxed twice for conscience sake.

Silly. Of all the silly things done by the sub-cellar band of counterfeit patriots, known as "Independent Americans," the last shriek is the silliest.

Fair Play. These wisecracks who were so cocksure that President Roosevelt would not approve the Constitution of Oklahoma and would bar its entrance into the Sisterhood of States did not know their man.

The above press dispatch, noting the feeble wall of the sub-cellar patriots, was to be expected. These men are pretenders and no one knows it better than Uncle Sam.

Its best citizenship and deserves in right and justice the esteem and respect of all. The pretty face of the modest Irish girl will appear on Uncle Sam's coins, notwithstanding the protest of the "Independent Order of Americans," and we are very sure that none of the members will refuse to accept the "Irish" coins.

Editorial Notes. Says the "Catholic Citizen" of Milwaukee: "Men make sad mistakes about their amusements. They choose deliberately; but it is not amusement which they get, it is toll and weariness, unrest and sinful excitement, over-indulgence and unhealth."

History. In the Baltimore "Sun" of recent date appears this important communication which we advise our readers to file away for future reference.

The "Catholic News" says: "A gratifying piece of news is contained in a press despatch from Chicago, which states that the Methodist Episcopal ministers of the Rock River conference agreed last week not to marry a man and woman either of whom had been divorced."

Mere outward profession of Catholicity is no reason why Catholics should support politicians whose lives are in open rebellion against the most sacred commands of the church.

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Prof. M. J. McMahon of Pittsburg, chairman of the Supreme Council Law Committee, of the C. M. B. A., has been elected president of the Pittsburg School Principals' Association, the highest educational society in Western Pennsylvania.

This compliment is paid to the Church by "Forestry and Irrigation." "The Canadian friends of forestry in their efforts to protect the timber lands were fortunate enough last year to secure valuable help from the Roman Catholic Church.

The baptismal registers of the Blessed Martyr Carmelites of Compiègne, says the London "Catholic Times," furnish a lesson in faith and Christian wisdom.

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